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MEDICINE L DGE, BARBOUR CO., KANS

CURRENT COMMENT.

THE House Appropriation Committee found it necessary to increase their appropriations for pensions to \$85,000,000, and there is no expectation that this will

all raw materials grown in Mexico, in- National Convention. cluding sugar, tobacco, spices, fruits, sisal-grass, jute and other fibres.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BREWSTER has made a report of payment to Special \$2.0,000; about half insured. Counsel in the Guiteau and Star Route trials. In the Guiteau trial John K. Bank of Je sey City, N. J., was held in \$10,000 Porter and W. D. Davidge were each bail, charge! with perjury in swearing to a paid \$10,000. In the Star Route trials attorney's fees were paid last year to George Bliss, \$38,160; W. W. Ker, \$11-, 200; W. A. Cook, \$7,500; A. M. Gibson, Merrick and Ker each \$50 per day.

person of John B. Holman, who several mitted years ago killed one of his sons, but managed to escape punishment. A few weeks since he concluded, while under the influence of spirits (frumenti) to still | bestowed upon the actor. further reduce the male portion of the Holman family and came near killing to Nashville, Tenn., was indicted by the G and another son, a lad just verging upon Jury for em ezzlement and larceny of \$480,manhood. The slayer of his progeny is 0.0. in jail. He admitted the shooting, and his wife.

A MAN in Pennsyvania claims to have been led by a dream to a treasure box containing \$27,000 in gold and silver coin, which had been buried by a Frenchman over one hundred and fifty years ago. The story goes that he found it imbedded in the earth at a depth of six feet near the roots of a tree, and that some of the coins bear date as far back as 1727. If the story has any semblance of truth in it, the hills of the Keystone State will doubtless receive deeper cultivation than they have for a century past.

During the per ormance lately at a circus in Berdidscheff, Russian Poland, a fire broke out, and before the spectators could escale the whole structure was ablaze. Three hundred whole structure was ablaze. Three hundred persons perished.

R. S. Monroe, who has just completed a term in the Wisconsin Penitentiary for swindling the Appleton Bank on a bogus check, was recently taken to Chicago for trail on the charge of defrauding the First National Bank of that city out of \$6,80 on a forged acceptance by Beckett & Co., Leeds, Freshard Monroe is one of the most of the Continue out and doubtle mit adjournment. Among the measures in troduced in the House was a bill by Mr Haskell for the relif of the Kannas city, Fort Scott and Guil Rairoad Company. Joseph E. Taylor was sworn as reportentaive from the Sixteenth is siri tof the to to uncertainty for swindling the Appleton Bank on a bogus check, was recently taken to Chicago for trail on the charge of defrauding the First National Bank of that city out of \$6,80 on a forged acceptance by Beckett & Co., Leeds, Freshard Monroe is one of the meater of the continued until adjournment. Among the measures in the following the Kell for the relif of the Kensas city. Fort Scott and Guil Rairoad Company. Joseph E. Taylor was sworn as reportentive from the Scott and Guil Rairoad Company. Agreed to the four and Guil Rairoad Company. Joseph E. Taylor was sworn as reportentive from the Conference Report on the Agricultural Appropriation bill. Agreed to Agreed to appropriates \$45,00 more than as agreed to appropriate the House was a bill by Mr Haskell for the relif of the Kell for the relif of they have for a century past.

by a mob who attempted to storm the was anxious to lead a party against the other lines of business. mob, but was prevented. He hurled epithets at them, however, and said when they were loafing in the taverns he was fighting the British Government. They were drunken blackguards, and ists. If Ireland were made up of such, she would earn the contempt of the civilized world. He had traveled hearing. "What a spectacle for the no clew is had as to who took it. English," he exclaimed, "was afforded by these professors of blackguardism at a time when Ireland was asking for self- North Carolina Legislature re-elected Senator

In response to a resolution of the Senate calling upon the Commissioner of members of the Legislature to accept passes Pensions for a complete list of Pension- from ra froad companies. ers, with their disabilities and Postoffice address, Commissioner Dudley stated recently that he had begun work on the preparation of this list. Over 300,000 the advice of the family physicians, to be of the present Congress, yet he expresses some doubt about its completion in the the development of her mental faculties to war increases there is rather a remarka- times for her actions ble gain in the number of applications for pensions. Of late they have averaged and Grounds has authorized the expenditure about 2,500 per month. Many of them are brought by persons of old age, who are discovering that they are afflicted are rheumatism and malaria.

A WASHINGTON correspondent states that there will be an effort made very soon to remodel the pension laws relative in the Civil service Reform bili in reference to to Special Agents. From all accounts, the employment of the Chief Examiner. the experiment of sending out several hundred clerks all over the country to hold little United States courts of their expense attached to it is one objection. to fall to default of \$2,000 ball. The possibility of abuses of delicate official trusts and the unevenness with which the system works are more serious. These clerks get \$1,400 a year and per-diem ex- former were killed and the remainder taken penses. This amounts to upwards of a prisoners. quarter of a million dollars per annum. In many cases it is alleged that these agents are exceedingly loose in their examinations. In others they are rigid. In ants. As each agent acts for himself, it reported and expected that the regernment or not. A good many stories of waiting for the register to be recovered so crookedness among these Special Agents that it might be known who were the guests of erator at Marthasville, were mortally it is said are reaching members of Con- of the hotel on the atal night. When the wounded. Mr. Taylor, the freight agent, and

THE WORLD'S DOINGS.

A Summary of the Daily News.

FOLITICAL AND PERSONAL.

The nomination of Olmstead to be Commisjoner of the District of Columbia has been

The National Republican Committee met in Washington, January 17th, when Col. John A. Martin, of Kansas, was unanimous y elected Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignition of Ex-Senator Dorsey. Mr. Logan's proposition that the basis of representation in the National Convention be two delegates for INFORMATON has been received in each Senator and two for each member of Con-Washington that the Mexican Senate has gress and two delegates for each Territory and for the District of Columbia, was adopted by ratified the treaty entered into by the 23 to 15, a ter an animated debate. It was American and Mexican Commercial Re- also decided that delegates to the Convention ciprocity Commission. This treaty pro- should be chosen by a popular State Convenvides for the free admission into Mexico | tion and the same rule was made applicable to of all American manufactures, in return the Territor es and District of Columbia. The for free entry into the United States of 12th, to fix the time and place of holding the

MINCELLANEOUS.

A late fire at Des Mo nes, Iowa, destroyed the Masonic Hall and contents and adjoining buildings. The total loss was estimated at

Shaw, the cashier of the suspended City false statement as to the bank's condition.

Charles W. Cook, committed to the New H mp-hire State Prison in 1879, for the murder of Susan Hanson, died on the 9th. On the confession of Cook, Joseph Buswell was \$5,000 and R. T. Merrick, \$5,000 Bliss hanged for hiring Cook to shoot Miss Handra and allowance of pension agents, and \$10,000 continues to draw \$100 per day, and son, after a noted contest before the Supreme for confingencies. The appropriation for army continues to draw \$100 per day, and son, after a noted contest before the Supreme Court and the Legislature. Cook left a cones-ion which adm ts that he did the shoot ng, and also that he testified falsely concerning CINCINNATI has a hard citizen in the Buswell being present when the deed was com-

> Edwin Booth's second appearance at Perlin, was another brilliant success. Crown Prince Frederick William was agan present, and joined in frequent and tumultuous applause

says he is only sorry he did not also shoot men so badly frozen as to necessitate their removal to the hospital. The feet of two or three will be amputated.

A man, woman and three children were found a few days since between Kingston and Atlan: a. Ga , frozen to death ..

During the per ormance lately at a circus in

DAVITT recently attempted to address an audience at Oldham (England) upon the Irish question, but was howled down

England Monroe is one of the most successful confidence operators in the country with as many aliases as days in the year. He has carried on operations in all parts of the country, but chiefly in New York, where he country but chiefly in New York which is not considered to the country but chiefly in New York where he can be a second in the country but chiefly in New York where he can be a second in the country but chiefly in New York where he can be a second in the country but chiefly in New York where he can be a second in the country but chiefly in New York where he can be a second in the country but chiefly in New York where he can be a second in the countr was known as Edwin C. Serviss, and has the torty-fourth (ongre-s; Dr. P. Schwenek, many other names under which be carried on and George H. Roberts, Attorney General of platform. A fight followed, and Davitt fraudulent brokerage commission, jewelry and

The shipment of \$10 ,000 was made by the sub-treasury in New York, through Wells, Fargo & Co., to the United States fleet on the Pacific, by the steamer City of Para, which arrived at Aspinwall on the 29 hult. The money was all in American gold coin, and was were a disgrace to the name of National- packed in two small kegs weighing in the neighborhood of 200 pounds each. They were rece ved in Panama the same evening and stored in the Panama Railroad Company's vault. The delivery was not made until Monthroughout England, and Englishmen, day, the 1st inst., and on opening the vault it although his enemies, had given him a was discovered that one keg was missing, but

The Illino's Legislature in Joint Convention elected Cullom United States Senator by a vote o 107 to 15 for Palmer, Democrat. The

A bill has been introduced into the Pennsylvania Legislature, making it a misdemeanor for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and

Miss Zerelda Garrison, whose reported abduction recently created such a sensation in St. Louis, has been taken Fast by her uncle, O. L. Garrison, by names are to be compiled. Mr. Dudley placed in an asylum for treatment for nervous thinks that by hard work he can have d.seases. Doctors G. S. Walker and C. W. the list prepared before the adjournment Stevens published a card in which they state that a full examination of her ment I condition showed the young lady to be deficient in time specified. As the period since the such an extent as to make her irresponsible at

> The House Committee on Public Buildings of \$12,000 for the purchase of the house in which Lincoln died.

The Smithsonian Institution received last year \$67,000, and expended \$37,000. The with diseases contracted during their Board of Regents recommend that Congress term of service. Common complaints vote \$300,000 for a new building in which to properly exhibit the minerals, geological and other collections already on hand and increas;

> The President will probably send a messare to Congress suggesting cle ical amendments | building was estimated at \$1,500; on material

Peter Behl of Fon du Lac, Wis., whose daughter died on account of her father's ill treatment, has been a rested on the charge of manslaughter. The complaint is soom out own for the hearing of pension cases is by Mrs. Behl, who witnessed the scuffle benot as successful as could be desired. The tween father an daughter. The prisoner went

> A Ca ro (Egypt) d spatch states that a fight occurred between a body of five hundred Egyptian troops and the forces of the False

Scheller, who was arrested at Milwankee upon suspicion of burning the Newhall House was recentle removed from the jail in that city, it being leared that the high exe tement of the people might lead to mob violence. When the former cases they open wider the the safe of the hotel was o ened the failure to doors for fraud on the Government than find the register or my other books which they were before the system went into would show who were in the hotel the night operation. In the latter they work an of the fire caused considerable surprise, and extraordinary hardship on honest claim- what became of the books. It had been his niece, aged eleven years, depends on his honesty, faithfulness and ister and transfer book had been put in the capacity whether he is useful to the Gov- sa e when the fire was discovered, and hunernment or not. A good many stories of dreis of persons all over the country were man, and Jerry Hardy, brakeman, were killed.

who were employed in the hotel, or who the guests were, were found, but only blank books

and a lot of unimportant papers. The Ohio, and Mississippi train from Cincinnatti, for St. Louis, met with an accident about a mile from Lebanon, Ill., recently. The train struck a broken rail, and the engine, two express cars and the baggage and postal cars passed over safely, but three passenger coaches ran off the track, the first being upset completely, but the others only derailed. One passenger, Charles Hoffman, of Maryland, was killed and eight were injured.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate, the 12th, Mr. Ingalls introduced a bill providing for determining the removal or inability of the President of the United States to discharge the powers or duties of his office. It provides that whenever two heads of departments shall state in writing, to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, that the President is unable to discharge his duties, the Chief Justice shall lay the matter before the Court, where the question is to be decided; and if inability is found to exist, the Vice President shall be notified to assume the duties of President. The Senate then considered in Executive Session the treaty with Mexico.... The House, after the morning hour, resumed consideration of the Shipping bill, which was discussed at length and finally passed, and the House soon after adjourned. moval or inability of the President of the

In the Senate the 13th, Mr. Ingalls introduced a bill providing for the appointment of a committee to consider the subject of railroad transportation. It provides for the appointment by the President of seven Commissioners from c via life to consider and investigate the whole subject and report to Congress the first Monday in December, 1883. The second section axes the compensation of the Commissioners at \$10 per day and travel ng expenses. No further tusiness of importance was transacted by the Senate. The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Pension Appropriation bill. It appropriates \$81,575,080, of which \$80,000,000 is for army pensions, \$1,00,000 for navy pensions, \$2,55,000 for fees and extended to the pension of examining supposes \$2,00.00 for navy pensions, \$2,55,000 for fees and extended to the pension of examining supposes \$2,00.00 for navy pensions, \$2,55,000 for fees and extended to the pension of examining supposes \$2,00.00 for fees and extended to the pension of examining supposes \$2,00.00 for fees and extended to the pension of examining supposes \$2,00.00 for fees and extended to the pension of examining supposes \$2,00.00 for fees and extended to the pension of examining supposes \$2,00.00 for fees and extended to the pension of the pen pensions was increased to \$85,000,000. The committee rose and the bill passed. The Fortification bill also passed. A bill also passed increasing the pensions of persons who had become wholly or in part bilind or deaf in the service—to those wholly blind \$50 and those partly blind \$25 per month.

In the Senate the 15th, a number of petitions were presented in regard to tariff duties. Mr. Frye introduced a Joint Resolution directing the President of the United States to give no-tice in July next of our intention to terminate ardores is to 25 and article 3) of the treaty of State Treasurer Polk, who was taken back to Nashville, Tenn., was indicted by the G and Jury for em ezzlement and larceny of \$480,000.

The brig Finlee Kirschschlag arrived at Brooklyn recently, having on board six seamen so badly frozen as to proceed a seamen so badly frozen as to proceed as the seamen so badly frozen as to proceed as the seamen so badly frozen as to proceed as the seamen so badly frozen as to proceed as the seamen seamen so badly frozen as to proceed as the seamen seam reso utions were offered. Gen. Wheeler was sworn in as a member from the Eighth District of Alabama to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Lowe. Adjourned.

in the Senate tie 16th, Mr. Hill, from the Postoffice Committee, reported favorably the House bill to modify the postal money order system. The Seconder then resumed considera-tion of the Tariff bill. The deb te continued port on the matter of the contingent m Nebraska, and the testimony of W. R. Slavis, Majors' Private Secretary, is false. The report exonerates Representative Valentine, of Ne-braska, from any knowledge or complicity in

In the Senate the 17th, the conference report on the Agricultural Appropriation bill we sagreed to. The Postoffice Appropriation bill was then considered, after which the Tariff bill was taken up and the debate continued until adjournment..... In the House Charles T. Doxey was sworn in to succeed the late Mr. Orth from the Ninth Indiana District, Ti Committee on Elections reported favorably up a the a mission of J. T. Craine as Delegate f on Utah, and he was sworn. Mr. Rice, of Massachusetts, called up the special order, being a Joint Resolution providing for a new Mixed Commission in accordance with the treaty of April 25, 1866, with Venezuela. After a long debate the Joint Resolution passed.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

The Senate the 18th agreed to an amendment to the Postoffice Appropriat on bill appropriating \$185,000 for fast mail service, and then took up the Tariff bill. The House put in the day in considering the Naval Approriation bill in Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Public Lands will soon attempt to call up the bill providing for a rereal of the Pre-emption laws and a modification of the Homestead laws, so as to require that a homestead cannot be ratented until after the claimant has resided upon it thirty months instead of six months. When it is called up, it is said, an amendment will be offered modifying the Timber Culture Law so as to provide that no person shall have the benefit of the law unless he is a resident of the land district in which the entry is made; that the entries shall be confined to eighty acres, and only two be allowed in a section. The Maine Legislature re-elected W. P.

Frye United States Senator. The Prohibitory Amendment has been declared invalid by the Supreme Court of Iowa upon the ground that the Journal of the House did not show that the amendment had

passed that body.

The Massachusetts Legislature re-elected George F. Hoar to the United States Senate. At five o'clock on the Morning of the 18th, a fire at Atchison, Kans, destroyed the Champion printing office. Yates' drug store and several offices. The loss on the Champion and furniture, \$4,000. Insurance on building fully covered the loss; on material \$2,500.

Fishu Palmer, a printer in St. Louis, in the em lov of the Great Western Printing Co., met his wife on Tenth street, between Pine and Chestnut, dragged her into an alley close by, shot her in the neck with a revolver and then put a ball into his own head. The woman is only slightly hurt, but Palmer will die.

The Citizens' Committee of Washington have a statement from a lady robbed some time ago, g ving her experience with the de-Prophet. Two hundred and forty of the tectives and officials at Police Headquarters, and showing the connection which some high District officials seemed to have with detectives, thieves and receivers of stolen

An entire business square of the town of McArthur, Ohio, was recently burned. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$30,400.

Joseph Butler, aged twenty-seven, of North Adams, Mass., married, was lately sentenced to the Penitentiary for life-ten days solitary confi ement-for an outrageous assault upon

An engine on the Mansfield Tan Railroad, a branch of the New Orleans and Pacific, explode 1 at the depot at Mansfell, La., receitly. Engineer Shackle ord, Tom Mars, firesafe was opened, no books or papers to show several others were seriously hurt.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The Kansas Legislature.

Twenty-three bills were introduced into the House the 12th, among them one to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the coal mines of Kansas and providing for the inspection of the same; also, to prohibit hunting or trapping upon grounds of another without the owner's consent, making it a mis eanor; also, to prevent unauthorized and incompetent persons engaging in the practice of pharmacy, and to regulate sales of poisons, etc., and to create a Boaed of Pharmacy..... The Senate confirmed the following appointments of the Governor: Richard B. Morria, Superintendent of insurance; James Ketner, Major General of militia; Isaae Stodden and John E. Watrous, Brigadier Generals; Ihomas Moonlight, Adjutant General; Harry A. Lewis, Assistant Adjutant General; R. A. Trimble, Surgeon General; John Hoenscheidt, J. C. Murdock and W. E. Huttman, Aidæde-Camp, A number of changes were made in the standing committees. Mr. Green presented a concurrent resolution for a joint committee to investigate the construct on of a free library building in the capitol grounds.

No business was transacted by the Legislafor the health and safety of persons employed

No business was transacted by the Legislature the 13th, an adjournment having been taken to the 16th to enable the architect to make some needed improvements in the cap-itol building. The Speaker improved the opportunity to make up the standing commit-

In the House the 16th a large number of bills were introduced, among them one smending justice fee bills, one for the relief of purchasers of normal school ands, one providing for the increase of the capita stock of railroad companis, one to fix terms of court in the Sixteenth District, another to regulate fares and freights on railroads; one for the relief of sufferers in the Quantr II raid at Lawrence, and a Legislative appropriation bill. Also a joint resolution for submitting a proposition for a Constitutional Convention; also a resolution to create a committee to investigate the tion to create a committee to investigate the management of the stock yards at Ken as, Kan. The Speaker announced the Standing Committees.... In the Senate a joint resolution was introduced recomminding that a vote be had at the general election in 1834 upon the question of holding a Constitutional Convention. An autorious manufactured the standard of the standard tion. An apportionment bill was introduced by Mr. Brown. Senstor Everest introduced a ily 317. Brown. Senator Everest introduced a joint resolution for the submis-ion of a proposition at the general election in 1844, to amend a ticle 15 of the Const tetion by striking out section 10, which prohibits the manufacture and sale of intexicat ng liquors, except for medical, scientific and mechanical purposes.

In Joint convention of the two Houses T. D. Thacher was re-elected State Printer.

In the House the 17th, the Speaker presented a petition relating to the law regarding the practice of medicine. A number of bills were introduced, one to provide uniform cheap text-books for the schools of the State; one text-books for the schools of the State; one previding a penalty for carrying concealed weapon; several Congressional apportionment bills, and one to protect guests of hotels from fire. All bills relating to the practice of medicine were ordered referred to a special committee of seven physicians. The most of the day was occupied in debates upon matters of little general interest. ... In the Senate, Mr. Thacher, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a number of bids and recommend ditheir passage, one regulating procedure before Justices of the Peace in certain cases, being an amendment to allow three-fourths of a jury to render a verdict in civil cases. A message was received from the Governor transmitting a list of pardons granted during the years 1831 and 1882. A bill was introduced the years 1831 and 1882. A bill was introduced by Mr. Buchan to amend the Prohibitory Law so as to allow all persons to sell for pur oles named in the Constitution by paying a license.

Ajourned. Twenty-six bills were introduced and passed their first reading in the House the 18th. The Committee on Judicary reported several bilis for indefinite postponement. Upon a motion to adopt the report of the committee a spirited s ussion on a point of order took place. The po nt of order ra sed was that the motion to adopt such a report was out of order. The Speaker dec ded the point of order not well taken, upon which an appeal from the decision of the Chair was taken by the member from I ab tte. Mr. Eld r spoke at some length, and sa d that such a decision was unwarranted by the rules and established a most dangerous precedent. If the House could adopt the re-commendation of a committee for indefinite posiponement of any bill, before it was read to the House, many of the most meritorious bills siponement of any bill, before it was read to might be consigned to oblivion without ever having been placed upon the calendar. The House by 51 to 46 refused to sustain the Speaker. The Senate passed the bill creating the Eighteenth Judicial District, and a bill amending an act regulating the jurisdiction and procedure before Just each the Present. and procedure before Just ess of the Peace in cases of misdemeanor." The Senate then went into Committee of the Whole and the rema n-der of the session was devoted to bills upon their third reading.

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Miscellaneous.

The Kansas Bar Association was recently organized at Topeka. The officers elected were, President, A. H. Horton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; Vice-President, Judge N. Stevens, Lawrence; Secretary, W. H. Rossington, Topeka; Treasurer, D. A. Valentine, Associate of the Supreme Court. D. J. Brewer, Thos. P. Fenlon, and Geo. R. Peck were appointed a committee to suggest names for an Executive Council. They reported Judge Valentine of Topeka, Jas. Humphrey,

Miscellaneous.

Interestate Commerce—G. M. Hoover, Geo Weale, Eli Titus, E. J. Turner, B. C. Arnold, J. D. Craney, W. M. Rhea.

Temperance S. J. Stuart, J. J. A. T. Dixon, Ed. Carroll, J. M. Simpson, Max. Buek, J. Q. A. Norton, J. B. McAffee.

Forestry and Horticulture—John Bissell, J. W. Claypole, J. F. Fullenweider, B. C. Arnold, James Shaver, Geo. Pohier. Thos R. Bayne.

Enrolled Bills—A. D. Mayhew, John Hargrave, E. B. Allen, C. B. Hoffman, R. J. Kenyon, J. J. A. T. Dixon, Henry Isley.

Legislative Apportionment—E. J. Turner, John Speer, L. F. Warner, J. B. F. McPherson, A. A. Arnott, O. H. Beeson, J. C. Davenport, R. J. Kenyon, Eli Titus, E. J. Turner, John Speer, L. F. Warner, J. D. W. Claypole, J. F. F. Warner, J. B. F. McPherson, A. A. Arnott, O. H. Beeson, J. C. Davenport, R. J. Kenyon, Eli Titus.

Revision of the Laws—T. M. James, Geo. D. Orner, J. H. Crichton, J. M. Dunsmore, C. R. Mileage—L. G. Porter, Geo. Bohrer, Lewis Merchanical Actions of the Laws—T. M. James, Geo. D. Orner, J. H. Crichton, J. M. Dixon, Henry Isley.

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The large barn of G. B. Hall, at Abilene, was consumed by fire one night recently, to

gether with six fine farm horses. The Farmers' Alliance recently met at Topeka for the pur ose of demanding of the Legislature the adoption of measures regulating railroad charges, and adopted resolutions that the Alliance demanded the immediate consideration of the railroad question and the passage of a direct law fixing a schedule of freight and passenger charges which shall be reasonable and just, both for the railroad companies and their patrous, preventing pooling and discrimination, and providing suitable penalties for the violation of the same; also resolved that we denounce the Rai road Commissioner system and believe the effort to embody it in a railroad law to be passed at this session of our Legislature is a miserable subterfuge, devised by the monopolists to defeat genuine railroad legislat on, and create fat places for a few men whom they can control in their own interests."

About three o'clock on the morning of the 16th, a fire broke out in the crockery store of J. Q. Ashton, in Lawrence and destroyed a number of stores before it was checked. The losses were M. J. McCullough, four store rooms, \$10,000; insurance, \$7,00); J. House, three store rooms, \$7.500; insurance, \$4,000; Geo. R. Gould & Co., agricu tural implements, \$8,000; insurance, \$2,500; J. L. Reynolds & Co., groceries, \$2,000; fully insured; P. Ulrickson, gas fit ings and stoves, \$6,000; insurance, :5,000; J. Q. Ashton, \$3,000; fully insured; Hoag & Fuller, \$9 0; no insurance; O. Boyer, meat lor, restaurant, \$200; no insurance; total loss, \$39.00; total insurance, \$23,500. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incen- Kansas.

The residence of W. Clyde, Southeast of Lawrence was lately destroyed by fire. Loss

-A novel and su cess'ul experiment has been tried in one of the Foston public schools during the past year. A room was fit e | up for instruction in wood-working and two classes were organized o give two hours a week to manual study. The result is reported to have been that the boys, while delighted with their carpentry, did not neg e t their other studies, and their marks were all high.

-Ac ording to a scient fie paper all an mal li e will be destr yed in this country in 1 0', or shortly thereaster, by the carbonic dioxide contained in coal smoke.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Following are the Standing Committees of the Kansas House of Representatives, as announced by the Speaker. The first named on each of the several committees is the Chair-

Judiciary-Geo S Green, J B Clogston, W W Scott, J D McCleverty, J R Burton, S L Ryan, R C Bassett, J G Lowe, F E Gillette.
Ways and Means-Wirt W Walton, O J Grover, John Schilling, John Bissell, James Barnett. F E Cloyce, A B Mayhew, R F Bryant, Edward Carroll Barnett. F E Cloyce, A B Mayhew, R F Bryant, Edward Carroll.

Municipal Indebtedness—J H Crichton, J Q A Norton, W S Glass, L W Borton, Geo F Nealey, Lewis A Myers, W H Wilhoit.

Assessment and Taxation—W B Stone, P P Elder. J R Foster, Henry Isley, F W Rice, W A Reeves, S J Carter.

Retrenchment and Reform—O J Grover, J W Claypole, D C Gamble, G W Greever, J W Pettyjohn, Geo F Nealey, L F Smith.

State Affairs—J B Cloreton, F W Sturgess, J Ware Butterfield, C Gillette, J D Wells, W D Street, L G Porter.

Ware Butterfield, C Gillette, J D Wells, W D
Str-et, L G Porter.

Railroads—M F Knappenburger, C D Hoffman, S W Sturgess, Leo Herzig, Jno Seaton, J
Ware Butterfield, J M Simpson, E S W Drought,
A R Scheble, F Charlesworth, J B Craney, Geo
S Green, J hn D Wells, J P Sutton, H F Cory,
John Russell, W J Lingenfelter.

Banks and Banking—O H Beeson, J D Baine,
R B Carr, John Russell, J G Martin, Leo Herzig,
L F Warner.

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Federal Relations—J W Pettilohn, F M
Robertson, B R Mosier, G M Hoover, J M
Dunsmore, J C Davenport, J G Martin.
Private Corporations—S L Ryan, V R Elli

G W Greever, G W Sutton, R F Bryant, Jos G Lowe,
R C Besert

W Greever, G W Sutton, R F Bryant, Jos G Lowe, R C Bassett.

Municipal Corporations—T P Anderson, H T Green, Geo W Veale John Scaton, L W Borton, J F Timmons, G W Gabriel.

Internal Imp ovements—H F Cory, W C Sweezey, L F Smith, Albert Woodin, E H Stearns, Geo F Nealey.

Charitable Institutions—F W Sturges, JJ A T Dixon, V R Ellis, Jos Davis, E V Hicks, O H Beecon, E S Hibbard.

Educational Institutions—G W Sutton, J W Pettyjohn, J N Venard, C S Calhoun, S J Carter, E V Hicks, A W Bishop.

Public Lands—John Schilling, J B McAfee, W S Glass, L Paully, John T Stewart, DC Gamble, Leo Herzig.

Public Buildings and Grounds—E S W Drought, John H Kyle, J H Fullinwider, Thos R Bayne, J K Faulkner, B W Wilson, J B McAfee.

Elections—Louis A Myers, T P Anderson, H T Green, Geo W Martin, D Reeves, W D St. eet, B R Mosior.

Mi Itia—Geo W Veale, D Reeves, Max Buck, J D Bain, A B Montgomery, John Russell, Jas Bartet.

Education—LG Schnably, W R Stone M P.

Barnett.
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Roads and Highways—John D Wells, A B Montgomery, H F Cory, Jos Davis, J G Schneb y, J F Timmons, J W Claypool.
Printing—J F Waters, Geo W Martin, Wirt W Waiton, W D Street, A A Stewart, W C Sweezey, John Speer.
Fees and Saiaries—John Hargrave, A C Merritt, F W Rash, Jos Davis, J W Weimer, Albert Woodin, J P Sutton.
County Lines and County Seats—W W Scott, E J Turner, L Paully, T P Anderson, W H White, E B Crawford, R B Carr, J J Johnson, B W Wilson.
Agriculture—W H Cartter, Jas Shaver, V R

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gost, S J Stewart.

Manufactures—John Seaton, D McTaggart, A C Merritt. B R A osier. A R Scheble, E S W Drought, W A Reeves.

Penitentiary—J R Burton, A J Grover, C S Calhoun, P P Elder, D McTaggart, J R Foster, G W Gabriel.

Claims and Accounts—F F Cloves, R J Ford G W Gabriel.

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Engrossed Bills—C R Mitchell, J F Waters, A R Scheble, J Q A Norton, J M Dunsmore, E V Horton, J H Kyle.

State Library—J D McCleverty, W W Scott, E H Stearns, L F Randolph. E V Wharton, J R Burton, C R Mitchell.

Immigration—F Charlesworth, J G Schnebly, L F Randolph. C S Calboun, Thomas R Bayne, A W Bishop, J R Armagost.

Insurance E B Allen, J N Venard, A C Merritt, R C Bassett, Eli Titus, A A Stewart, A A Arnott.

Congressional Apportionment—George D. Orner, F Charlesworth, J B Clogston, John Harg ave, J B Craney, W H Cartter, E B Allen, T M James, A P Collins, W W Walton, W M Rhea, John H Schilling, W B Stone, John Bissell, D McTargart, J R Foster, James Barnett aggart, J R Foster, James Barnett Judiciary Apportionment J W Butterfield, Geo D Orner, A A Stewart, F E Cloyes, W H Wilhoit, J H Crichton, J H Venard, W H White,

A P Collins.

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Mines and Mining—WT Sweezey, HT Green,
John T Stuart, BW Wilson, ES Hibbard, DC
Gamble, Jas Shaver.

Inter-State Commerce—GM Hoover, Geo W
Veale, Eli Titus, EJ Turner, BC Arnold, JD

Miscellaneous.

The annual meeting of the Kansas State Histor.cal Society was held one evening last week in the Senate Chamber at Topeka. The principle business transacted was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were elected to the directory: George W. Glick, John P. St. John, Charles Robhison, D. R. Anthony, John Francis, James F. Legate, Henry Inman, A. P. Riddle, Edward Russell, F. P. Baker, D. W. Wilder, John A. Martin, P. P. Elder, John Speer, Solon O. Thacher, H. T. Green, W. W. Walton, Eugene F. Ware. The Board of Directors met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, F. P. Baker; Vice-President, D. R. Anthony; Second Vice-President, A. P. Riddle; Secretary, F. G. Adams;

Treasurer, John Francis. Lottie Dysart, a little girl, recently attempted to cross the Missouri Pacific track at Atchison, when she saw a train rushing towards her. She became confused, and her left foot caught in a sewer bridge, holding her fast. Four cars passed over her in rapid succession, mangling her terribly. She died in a short

Merelam Montgomery, who some weeks since shot and killed his two little children at Packardsville, Mass., because his wife refused to live with him, formerly resided at Blue Rapids, Kansas.

The Topeka, Salina and Western road, which has about seventy miles graded, is negotiating for a connection with the Santa Fe

The United States Senate has confirmed Augusta J. Georgia P. M. at Pittsburg, Kas. W. Jay Murphy & Co., a well-known firm of ship-builders of New York City, have written Gov. Glick that they are building a vessel designed for coast service in rescuing crews of market, \$3.0; no insurance; Bateman & Tay disabled vessels, which will be ready for launching soon, and which they propose naming in honor of the present Executive of

Postoffices discontinued the past week-Alfred, Douglas County; Sykes, Decatur County; Utica, Ness County. Name changed -Gourock, Harper County, to Albion.

-Four million five hundred thousand acres of land have been sold in Texas to an English company who will sell it in tracts to European imm grants wishing to sett e upon it. The Texans are teginning to have an un easonable fear of the tyranny of En lish landlordism. Christian Union

-According to Vanity Fair, there are in San Francisco four hundred and s xtv organizations for social improvement, one hundred and twenty-five churches and chape s, twenty-two temperance organ zat ons, and twenty-three hospitals and a ylums.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL

Texas ought to be the best-educated State in the I n on by and by, if it makes good use of its public school fund, which now consists of over \$4,000,000 in interest-bear ng bonds and money, and 30,000,000 acres of land worth \$1.50

an acre. - V. Y. Sun. -The old Mission Church of St. Gabriel, at Los Ange es. Cal., built in 17.1, has lately been damaged by an unskill'ul retouching of its ancient pictures. The altar and ornaments, the chime of bells, and most of the original structure remain about as they have been for one hundred years.

—In his fertile land of plenty it seems incredible that 9,000,000 bushels of potatoes should be imported in a ngle year, and yet this was the case last year as shown by the Government revenue records. Import duties amounting to considerably over \$1,000,000 were pa'd.

-The question "How long is it necessary to keep children away from school after an in ected disease?" was answered some t me since by the Academy of Medicine, Paris. With scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles and smallpox, isolation is to be maintained for forty days. Chicken-pox and mumps lose their contagious powers tertwentyfive days.

-Nev. A. S. Packard entered Bowdoin College as a student in 1812, six years after the first class had graduated. and four years afterward became a tutor there, and a processor in 1825. Of the 1 94 young men graduated at Bowdoin College since it was founded, over 19:0 have pa sed under his immediate instruction. This is probably an unparalleled record .- Derroit Post.

-1 r. Newberry, in a New York Tribune interview, expresses himself warmly in favor of co-education in Columbia College. " or tilteen years." he says, "a few women have attended the ectures of Professor Rood and myself and to reach our lecture roo as were compelled to traver e hal's and s'air-ways where they encoun'ered a large number of students, and yet they were a ways treated with perfect, respect, and their presence in the lecture rooms made the classes more cuiet and attentive because it put them on their good behavior."

-A religious census has recently been taken at Victoria, every c tizen being allowed to enter h s name on the books as he saw fit. The document has some cur ous features. Out of 862,345 persons no less than eight thousand are entered as pagans; and there is a curious list of "odd lots." There is one Borrowite, one Mil erite, one Walkerite, one Co ensoite. one who returns h mself as a "Silent Admirer," on as a Theosoph st, and five who be ong to the "Church of Eli Sands." There are twenty who declare that they have "No church at present, no creed," three who call themselves "Saved Sinners," one who "is a believer in raits of the B ble." two who call themse'ves "Neutrals," and three who state their religion as "£ s. d."-N. Y. Observer.

Saved by His Scissors.

The editor carries a beautiful slip of paper when he ravels. He shows it to the suave conductors and they all admire it. It has the editor s own name en it, written in his very best undaygo to-meet n' sty'e. That is what the conductors particularly like to see, and they like it so much that they want him to write it again in exactly the same fine

The other day the ed tor exh bited the beautiful chirography, and the conductor as usual re uested h m to duplicate it in another place. The elitor knew he had never written in that style be ore and never shoul i again but he did his level best. The cond corshook

his head. "Don't correspond." he muttered. "Best I can do," said the ed tor. "Do you suppose I can dash of 500 pages per day and keen up the Piercer an system of permanship? To you up-pose I can write like that with these ears of yours banging away at my el-

"Don't correspond," repeated the conductor, ominously. "Do on imag ne I'm not the editor of this paper?" ; sked the edi or, drawing out a gilt-edged card and a copy of the

"May be a sub," suggested the conductor.

"Do I look like a sub?" inquired the editor, indignantly, po nting to his dol-lar diamond shirt-studs and finger ring. "But I can prove my dentity," he ad 'ed, w th a chuckle of satisfa tion.

He whipped out a bright pair of seissors and commenced slashing up that newspaper into articles at u h a rate that in two seconds the whole paper paper would have been converted into

"Stop! That will do," exclaimed the conductor, sm l ngly, "There isn't the slightest doubt in my mind. You can travel on the line as long as I am conductor and there's a rail and a piece of the eng.ne le.t." - Keokuk New ..

Thoroughly Married.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Curt's, colored resi ents of Scipio, N. Y. have occas onal misunderstandings which result in complete, utter and final separation. In a tew weeks they be in to yearn or each other, and after making mu'ual concessions, make up, and, in or er to observe the propriet es, call upon Calvin Tracy, Esq., a triendly Justice of the Peace, to marry them again. In a brief season, misunderstanding again ar ses, complete, utter and unal separation follows, yearning, reunion and remarriage coming in at last, as usual. Every time Es nire Tracy perio ms the so emn ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Harvev Curtis start out or home as happy and as joyous as when this experience was their first. Its repetition does not dampen the happiness of the newly renewed par. nor does experience pre-vent the quarrelings and comprom ses which come in natural course. Just how often this performance has been re-peated is not known; but it is believed that Mr. Tracy has remarried the couple at least twenty times in the twenty years that have just gone past; and ye. in all that time they have never ha I any divorce except such as they had made themselves. It would trube a court greatly at this late day to d vorce a couple that has been so fre uently and thoroughly married, as Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have been, by Mr. Trac . - De roit